



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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Director

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TO: Hearing Officer

FROM: Jeantine Nazar *JN*
Zoning Permits East Section

SUBJECT: **Project No. R2013-00430-(5)**
Oak Tree Permit No. 201300008
HO Meeting: September 2, 2014
Agenda Item: 4

The above-mentioned item is a request to authorize a retroactive oak tree permit for one oak tree removal and seven encroachments associated with a grading project. This item was scheduled for a denial due to inactivity on April 15, 2014, Hearing Officer meeting, and continued to May 20 and September 2, 2014 hearings, in order for the applicant to provide an accurate scope of work and a progress report.

On July 8, 2014, the applicant met with Public Works and Regional Planning at the One-Stop meeting. The applicant provided a brief history of the case and issues involved. The Land Development Division of Public Works, Building and Safety Office and Regional Planning staff instructed the applicant with specifics on how to proceed with the case, in order to meet the requirements. Further, Regional Planning staff relayed the outcome of the meeting to the District Attorney's Office.

On July 25, 2014, the case was heard at the criminal court. The defendant, Mr. Lew, entered a conditional plea of guilty or no contest, which will be dismissed should the defendant comply with the terms of the plea prior to August 1, 2015. At this time, Regional Planning staff continues to work with the applicant in conjunction with Public Works, Fire Department, Public Health, Building and Safety Office and District Attorney's Office to move this case forward.

If you need further information, please contact Jeantine Nazar at (213) 974-6435 or jnazar@planning.lacounty.gov. Department office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Our offices are closed on Fridays.

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